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8. [] FOIA Called [] a constituent of Representative Max Baucus (D., Mont.), at her place of business in Missoula, Montana to extend our personal apologies for our failing to respond to her FOI request which had been misdirected. She spoke at length as to her personal background and said she had contacted the local office of the FBI personally. I explained the nature and extent of the Agency's involvement in the Chaos program and made clear to her that the FBI had primary responsibility for following the activities of dissident domestic organizations. I explained the content of the letter she would be receiving from [] Freedom of Information Coordinator. She volunteered personal biographic data needed to process her request which I said I would provide to [] and ask for expedite handling. She was most appreciative of the call and hoped she would hear from us soon.

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9. [] BRIEFING (FAA) [] Chief, Africa Division, called to say that Joseph Sisco, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, will be talking with Senators Hubert Humphrey and Daniel Inouye and Representative Otto Passman regarding certain economic aid programs. Sisco is interested in knowing whether any of these members have been briefed on the President's finding of 18 July 1975. I advised [] that none of these members were briefed by the Director but I had no way of knowing whether any of the members who have been briefed might have discussed this subject with them. [] said this would be quite adequate for his purposes.

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10. [] BRIEFING (INTELLIGENCE) Talked with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, about the request from Senator Richard Stone (D., Fla.) for a briefing on Soviet presence in Syria and related topics. Braswell agreed with my assessment that we should provide this briefing to Stone.

I also discussed with Braswell the letter from Senator Strom Thurmond and Representative John Ashbrook asking the Director to address the American Conservative Union. Braswell said he thought the Director should avail himself of any opportunity to speak to a group of this sort.

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